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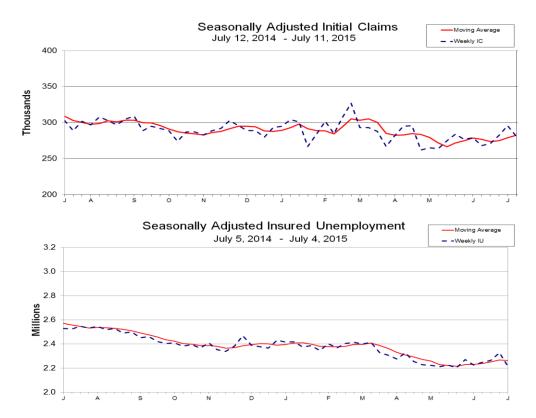
#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

### SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 11, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 281,000, a decrease of 15,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 297,000 to 296,000. The 4-week moving average was 282,500, an increase of 3,250 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 279,500 to 279,250.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

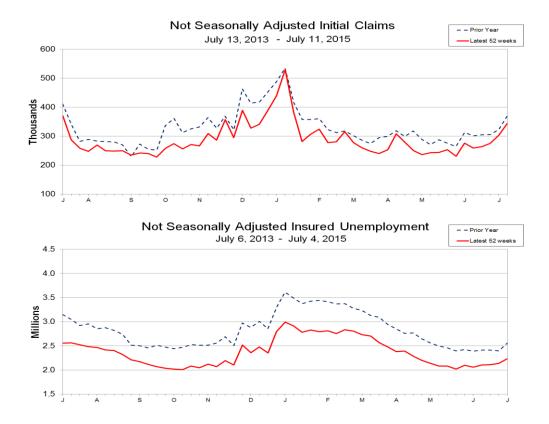
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.6 percent for the week ending July 4, a decrease of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 4 was 2,215,000, a decrease of 112,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 7,000 from 2,334,000 to 2,327,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,264,000, a decrease of 2,500 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 1,750 from 2,268,250 to 2,266,500.



### **UNADJUSTED DATA**

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 344,002 in the week ending July 11, an increase of 40,416 (or 13.3 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 59,887 (or 19.7 percent) from the previous week. There were 370,559 initial claims in the comparable week in 2014.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.7 percent during the week ending July 4, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,232,518, an increase of 94,168 (or 4.4 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 207,087 (or 9.7 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.9 percent and the volume was 2,558,065.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending June 27 was 2,181,870, an increase of 33,570 from the previous week. There were 2,447,289 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2014.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending June 27.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,066 in the week ending July 4, an increase of 187 from the prior week. There were 1,413 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, an increase of 104 from the preceding week.

There were 9,509 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending June 27, a decrease of 223 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 18,021, an increase of 195 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending June 27 were in Puerto Rico (3.5), Connecticut (2.6), New Jersey (2.6), Alaska (2.5), Pennsylvania (2.5), California (2.4), Nevada (2.2), West Virginia (2.2), Rhode Island (2.1), and Arkansas (2.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 4 were in Michigan (+9,961), New York (+6,488), California (+5,714), Ohio (+3,190), and Missouri (+2,661), while the largest decreases were in New Jersey (-3,276), Texas (-2,405), Connecticut (-2,180), Maryland (-1,304), and South Carolina (-905).

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 11	July 4	Change	June 27	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Initial Claims (SA)	281,000	296,000	-15,000	282,000	303,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	344,002	303,586	+40,416	274,646	370,559
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	282,500	279,250	+3,250	275,000	309,000
WEEK ENDING	July 4	June 27	Change	June 20	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,215,000	2,327,000	-112,000	2,265,000 2,	,530,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,232,518	2,138,350	+94,168	2,106,076 2,	,558,065
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,264,000	2,266,500	-2,500	2,252,750 2,	,570,250
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) <sup>2</sup>	1.6%	1.7%	-0.1	1.7%	1.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) <sup>2</sup>	1.7%	1.6%	+0.1	1.6%	1.9%

## INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 4	June 27	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,066	879	+187	2,527
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,413	1,309	+104	1,725

## PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	June 27	June 20	Change	Prior Year <sup>1</sup>
Regular State	2,133,939	2,102,290	+31,649	2,391,794
Federal Employees	9,509	9,732	-223	11,794
Newly Discharged Veterans	18,021	17,826	+195	23,096
Extended Benefits <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	134
State Additional Benefits <sup>4</sup>	6,957	6,145	+812	7,052
STC / Workshare <sup>5</sup>	13,444	12,307	+1,137	13,419
TOTAL	2,181,870	2,148,300	+33,570	2,447,289

## **FOOTNOTES**

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

- 1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
- 2. Most recent week used covered employment of 134,803,907 as denominator.
- 3. Information on the EB program can be found here: EB Program information
- 4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular, extended and emergency benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: <a href="Extensions">Extensions</a> and Special Programs PDF
- 5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-9 of the following link: <u>Extensions and Special Programs PDF</u>

# Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Initial Clain	ns Filed During Week	Ended July 11	Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 4				
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change		
Alabama	5,615	3,540	2,075	25,968	24,371	1,597		
Alaska	1,157	795	362	7,312	7,991	-679		
Arizona	7,055	4,426	2,629	34,825	35,124	-299		
Arkansas	3,266	2,967	299	21,969	22,336	-367		
California	47,403	53,941	-6,538	361,227	372,194	-10,967		
Colorado	2,850	2,146	704	27,708	28,881	-1,173		
Connecticut	5,050	4,808	242	46,320	42,353	3,967		
Delaware	914	633	281	7,190	7,384	-194		
District of Columbia	890	452	438	8,519	8,395	124		
Florida	12,404	10,824	1,580	61,558	58,527	3,031		
Georgia	10,966	7,263	3,703	42,797	38,391	4,406		
Hawaii	1,584	1,072	512	8,413	7,346	1,067		
Idaho	899	1,101	-202	6,449	7,314	-865		
Illinois	14,555	10,620	3,935	115,924	113,189	2,735		
Indiana	4,989	3,684	1,305	22,216	21,748	468		
Iowa	4,001	3,712	289	20,849	17,739	3,110		
Kansas	3,339	2,284	1,055	16,178	13,902	2,276		
Kentucky	6,896	5,722	1,174	22,433	22,251	182		
Louisiana	3,054	2,707	347	25,399	26,604	-1,205		
Maine	871	942	-71	6,463	6,533	-70		
Maryland	4,425	3,970	455	38,798	40,873	-2,075		
Massachusetts	6,591	10,382	-3,791	69,976	65,888	4,088		
Michigan	12,944	18,139	-5,195	53,421	51,786	1,635		
Minnesota	4,077	3,405	672	36,817	32,927	3,890		
Mississippi	2,388	2,379	9	16,316	16,296	20		
Missouri	6,220	7,603	-1,383	34,577	33,932	645		
Montana	832	705	127	5,777	6,309	-532		
Nebraska	1,686	1,403	283	7,297	6,572	725		
Nevada	3,651	3,391	260	26,011	26,234	-223		
New Hampshire	759	902	-143	5,492	5,534	-42		
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New Jersey	11,763	15,460	-3,697	113,293	100,290	13,003		
New Mexico	1,241	1,099	142	13,059	13,388	-329		
New York	39,246	23,346	15,900	178,010	153,658	24,352		
North Carolina	5,178	3,786	1,392	34,578	34,731	-153		
North Dakota	922	637	285	7,493	3,806	3,687		
Ohio	8,884	9,854	-970	62,242	58,989	3,253		
Oklahoma	2,141	1,593	548	23,191	23,490	-299		
Oregon	6,035	4,024	2,011	31,892	29,451	2,441		
Pennsylvania	24,090	18,359	5,731	145,270	138,429	6,841		
Puerto Rico	3,382	2,958	424	32,171	31,200	971		
Rhode Island	986	2,222	-1,236	10,367	9,379	988		
South Carolina	5,284	2,998	2,286	22,274	16,115	6,159		
South Dakota	211	163	48	1,422	1,500	-78		
Tennessee	7,530	4,084	3,446	29,588	28,419	1,169		
Texas	19,889	16,086	3,803	185,197	180,249	4,948		
Utah	1,473	1,162	311	9,420	10,133	-713		
Vermont	482	468	14	4,343	3,882	461		
Virgin Islands	42	49	-7	822	742	80		
Virginia Virginia	5,044	3,820	1,224	31,633	26,601	5,032		
Washington	8,578	6,088	2,490	45,977	42,374			
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West Virginia	1,581	1,051	530	15,569	14,814	755 2 170		
Wisconsin	8,118	8,051	67	45,909	42,730	3,179		
Wyoming	571	310	261	4,599	5,056	-457		
US Total	344,002	303,586	40,416	2,232,518	2,138,350	94,168		

Note: Advance Claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

		Change from			Change from					
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week				
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR			
July 5, 2014	307	-6	311.50	2,530		2,570.25	1.9			
July 12, 2014	303	-4	309.00	2,525		2,557.50	1.9			
July 19, 2014	289	-14	303.00	2,547	22	2,546.50	1.9			
July 26, 2014	302	13	300.25	2,532		2,533.50	1.9			
August 2, 2014	297	-5	297.75	2,546		2,537.50	1.9			
August 9, 2014	308	11	299.00	2,518		2,535.75	1.9			
August 16, 2014	303	-5	302.50	2,528	10	2,531.00	1.9			
August 23, 2014	297	-6	301.25	2,491	-37	2,520.75	1.9			
August 30, 2014	305	8	303.25	2,500	9	2,509.25	1.9			
September 6, 2014	309	4	303.50	2,452	-48	2,492.75	1.9			
September 13, 2014	289	-20	300.00	2,460	8	2,475.75	1.9			
September 20, 2014	295	6	299.50	2,421	-39	2,458.25	1.8			
September 27, 2014	292	-3	296.25	2,404	-17	2,434.25	1.8			
October 4, 2014	289	-3	291.25	2,409	5	2,423.50	1.8			
October 11, 2014	274	-15	287.50	2,383	-26	2,404.25	1.8			
October 18, 2014	287	13	285.50	2,395	12	2,397.75	1.8			
October 25, 2014	287	0	284.25	2,365	-30	2,388.00	1.8			
November 1, 2014	283	-4	282.75	2,408	43	2,387.75	1.8			
November 8, 2014	289	6	286.50	2,352	-56	2,380.00	1.8			
November 15, 2014	292	3	287.75	2,339	-13	2,366.00	1.8			
November 22, 2014	303	11	291.75	2,383	44	2,370.50	1.8			
November 29, 2014	296	-7	295.00	2,469	86	2,385.75	1.9			
December 6, 2014	289	-7	295.00	2,388		2,394.75	1.8			
December 13, 2014	289	0	294.25	2,377		2,404.25	1.8			
December 20, 2014	280	-9	288.50	2,366	-11	2,400.00	1.8			
December 27, 2014	293	13	287.75	2,431	65	2,390.50	1.8			
January 3, 2015	295	2	289.25	2,415	-16	2,397.25	1.8			
January 10, 2015	304	9	293.00	2,418	3	2,407.50	1.8			
January 17, 2015	301	-3	298.25	2,376	-42	2,410.00	1.8			
January 24, 2015	267	-34	291.75	2,386	10	2,398.75	1.8			
January 31, 2015	284	17	289.00	2,346	-40	2,381.50	1.8			
February 7, 2015	302	18	288.50	2,402	56	2,377.50	1.8			
February 14, 2015	285	-17	284.50	2,369	-33	2,375.75	1.8			
February 21, 2015	308	23	294.75	2,405	36	2,380.50	1.8			
February 28, 2015	327	19	305.50	2,414		2,397.50	1.8			
March 7, 2015	293	-34	303.25	2,399	-15	2,396.75	1.8			
March 14, 2015	293	0	305.25	2,413		2,407.75	1.8			
March 21, 2015	288	-5	300.25	2,327		2,388.25	1.7			
March 28, 2015	267	-21	285.25	2,308	-19	2,361.75	1.7			
April 4, 2015	282	15	282.50	2,275	-33	2,330.75	1.7			
April 11, 2015	295	13	283.00	2,327	52	2,309.25	1.7			
April 18, 2015	296	1	285.00	2,256	-71	2,291.50	1.7			
April 25, 2015	262	-34	283.75	2,229		2,271.75	1.7			
May 2, 2015	265	3	279.50	2,223		2,258.75	1.7			
May 9, 2015	264	-1	271.75	2,212		2,230.00	1.6			
May 16, 2015	275	11	266.50	2,226		2,222.50	1.7			
May 23, 2015	284	9	272.00	2,204		2,216.25	1.6			
May 30, 2015	277	-7	275.00	2,272		2,228.50	1.7			
June 6, 2015	279	2	278.75	2,225		2,231.75	1.7			
June 13, 2015	268	-11	277.00	2,249		2,237.50	1.7			
June 20, 2015	271	3	273.75	2,265		2,252.75	1.7			
June 27, 2015	282	11	275.00	2,327		2,266.50	1.7			
July 4, 2015	296	14	279.25	2,215		2,264.00	1.6			
July 11, 2015	281	-15	282.50	_,		,				

# Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended July 4 INITIAL CLAIMS

Insured Unemployment For Week Ended June 27 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

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STATE	STATE	WEEK	AGO			STATE		WEEK	AGO			RETIREMENT
Alabama	3540	388	-443	12	21	24371	1.4	-24	-4509	121	179	24671
Alaska	795	-47	-7	1	1	7991	2.5	-261	-2708	71	68	8130
Arizona	4426	26	-705	53	14	35124	1.4	-1172	-5946	298	183	35605
Arkansas	2967	687	-1616	4	4	22336	2.0	-429	-1162	92	191	22619
California	53941	5714	2916	341	272	372194		24458	-18199	1408	3612	377214
Colorado	2146	89	-227	14	44	28881	1.2	-161	-3635	144	789	29814
Connecticut	4808	-2180	-515	7	11	42353	2.6	4705	-6602	84	147	42584
Delaware	633	-110	-91	0	4	7384	1.8	539	-1185	16	24	7424
District of Columbia	452	-223	-66	4	1	8395	1.6	415	-2085	354	11	8760
Florida	10824	1093	-4787	20	89	58527	0.8	-7762	-32356	137	390	59054
Georgia	7263	1307	-879	27	44	38391	1.0	-630	-9645	261	598	39250
Hawaii	1072	-48	-331	5	13	7346	1.2	-506	-2596	82	159	7587
Idaho	1101	-112	-166	1	5	7314	1.2	-35	-1366	33	50	7397
Illinois	10620	-752	-452	9	31	113189	2.0	903	-21344	417	515	114121
Indiana	3684	-88	-301	10	9	21748	0.8	-298	-6546	90	101	21939
Iowa	3712	1559	127	0	11	17739	1.2	-450	230	74	99	17912
Kansas	2284	336	-704	10	6	13902	1.0	-503	-3380	64	168	14134
Kentucky	5722	2114	-411	20	5	22251	1.3	47	-3977	286	339	22876
Louisiana	2707	0	406	1	11	26604	1.4	306	4131	37	68	26709
Maine	942	88	-373	1	1	6533	1.1	-39	-2021	21	41	6595
Maryland	3970	-1304	-704	29	13	40873	1.7	1284	-9946	320	300	41493
Massachusetts	10382	2248	1318	15	26	65888	2.0	2643	-7980	206	443	66537
Michigan	18139	9961	-396	12	29		1.3	2567	-14865	166	301	52253
Minnesota	3405	329	-309	3	13	32927	1.2	-519	-1888	73	189	33189
Mississippi	2379	130	-32	1	2	16296	1.5	-37	-6232	85	59	16440
Missouri	7603	2661	516	30	15	33932	1.3	-940	-4950	198	180	34310
Montana	705	-87	-65	5	4	6309	1.5	-56	-270	68	40	6417
Nebraska	1403	578	-835	2	5	6572	0.7	-95	-963	42	20	6634
Nevada	3391	446	-377	2	9	26234	2.2	-517	-2895	77	157	26468
New Hampshire	902	-482	-230	1	1	5534	0.9	697	-1458	12	7	5553
New Jersey	15460	-3276	-1211	10	22	100290	2.6	10087	-11337	251	420	100961
New Mexico	1099	159	-1211 -2	17	6		1.7	64	-2305	138	96	13622
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New York	23346	6488		43			1.8		-20575	541		155083
North Carolina	3786	-544	-1038	14	38	34731	0.9	-639	-16044	159	454	35344
North Dakota	637	-5	68	28	2	3806	0.9	212	1980	129	16	3951
Ohio	9854	3190	-1110	6	47	58989	1.2	-472	-6705	133	429	59551
Oklahoma	1593	-181	95	7	13	23490	1.5	-350	6773	77	164	23731
Oregon	4024	-571	-1748	16	34	29451	1.7	-832	-5118	227	236	29914
Pennsylvania	18359	30	-1356	114	60	138429		25	-16169	545	665	139639
Puerto Rico	2958	1008	-496	6	8		3.5	330	-4465	86	198	31484
Rhode Island	2222	351	-7	4	3	9379	2.1	1112	-1955	25	46	9450
South Carolina	2998	-905	-630	2	13	16115	0.9	390	-4197	45	136	16296
South Dakota	163	-63	-30	9	1	1500	0.4	53	81	218	8	1726
Tennessee	4084	661	-992	12	22	28419	1.1	-219	-5939	139	181	28739
Texas	16086	-2405	2058	48	248	180249	1.6	-493	28315	634	2714	183597
Utah	1162	43	-66	50	5	10133	0.8	-185	-1094	199	61	10393
Vermont	468	-263	-114	1	0	3882	1.3	-71	-458	11	6	3899
Virgin Islands	49	4	-12	0	1	742	2.0	12	62	6	12	760
Virginia	3820	245	-474	15	23	26601	0.8	-2855	-7654	193	660	27454
Washington	6088	-349	-960	16	97	42374	1.4	-1807	-6765	185	1009	43568
West Virginia	1051	-155	-46	1	7	14814	2.2	-51	323	94	65	14973
Wisconsin	8051	1194	-933	7	10	42730	1.6	-552	-9965	116	97	42943
Wyoming	310	-37	49	0	0	5056	1.8	-117	2088	21	36	5113
Totals	303586	28940	-19167			2138350		32274	-257471		18021	2165880

Figures Appearing In columns showing Over-The-Week Changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by State agencies.

The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.

Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of US total covered employment is BLS.

# UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 4, 2015

# STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000 $\,$

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
MI	+9,961	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
NY	+6,488	Layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
CA	+5,714	Layoffs in the service industry.
OH	+3,190	Layoffs in the manufacturing and transportation and warehousing industries.
MO	+2,661	Layoffs in the manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and transportation and warehousing industries.
MA	+2,248	Layoffs in the transpportation and warehousing, educational service, health care and social assistance, and manufacturing industries.
KY	+2,114	No comment.
IA	+1,559	Layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
GA	+1,307	Layoffs in the manufacturing and administrative and support and waste management and remediation service industries.
WI	+1,194	No comment.
FL	+1,093	Layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
PR	+1,008	No comment.

# STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NJ	-3,276	Fewer layoffs in the educational service, accommodation and food service, transportation and
		warehousing, and public administration industries.
TX	-2,405	No comment.
CT	-2,180	No comment.
MD	-1,304	No comment.

#### **TECHNICAL NOTES**

This news release presents the weekly unemployment insurance (UI) claims reported by each state's unemployment insurance program offices. These claims may be used for monitoring workload volume, assessing state program operations and for assessing labor market conditions. States initially report claims directly taken by the state liable for the benefit payments, regardless of where the claimant who filed the claim resided. These are the basis for the advance initial claims and continued claims reported each week. These data come from ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report. The following week initial claims and continued claims are revised based on a second reporting by states that reflect the claimants by state of residence. These data come from the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Report.

### A. Initial Claims

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims.

The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

### **B.** Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment.

The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

### C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

Over the course of a year, the weekly changes in the levels of initial claims and continued claims undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These fluctuations may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, the opening and closing of schools, or other similar events. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make trend and cycle developments easier to spot.

At the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with a set of seasonal factors to apply to the unadjusted data during that year.

Concurrent with the implementation and release of the new seasonal factors, ETA incorporates revisions to the UI claims historical series caused by updates to the unadjusted data.

## **Weekly Claims Archives Weekly Claims Data**

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